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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: UNTSO ON SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

REF: BEIRUT 7912

1. RELIABLE UNTSO SOURCE OCTOBER 18 BRIEFED US
ON SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON AS OBSERVED BY
UNTSO PERSONNEL.

2. DURING WEEK OF OCT 11 THERE WERE CLASHES
BETWEEN CHRISTIAN VILLAGERS OF EL QLAIAA (203/303) AND
MOSLEM LEFTISTS OF MARJAYOUN (205/307). (REFERENCES
ARE TO 1-100,000 SURVEY OF ISRAEL MAP ZEFAT.)
DURING ONE ENCOUNTER UNTSO OBSERVED ARTILLERY FIRE
COMING FROM WITHIN ISRAEL FALLING NEAR MARJAYOUN.
CHRISTIANS IN EL QLAIAA BELEIVED EQUIPPED WITH TWO
TANKS, ONE AN OBSOLETE US MODEL. SOURCE CONVINCED
ISRAELIS ACTIVELY SUPPORTING AND COOPERATING
WITH CHRISTIANS IN THE BORDER AREA.

3. IN REPLY TO QUESTION, SOURCE SAID UN STILL RUNNING
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PATROLS TO OP'S IN VICINITY OF EL KHIAM (207/304)

BUT THAT SITUATION IS "DICEY". (SEE PARA 6 REFTTEL).

4. UN PROBLEMS WITH LOCAL CHIEFTAIN HASROUNI IN AIN EBEL
(188/279) HAVE CEASED. HASROUNI RECENTLY MADE PITCH
FOR UN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE ON GROUNDS THAT UN HAS SPECIAL
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR REGION. MOREOVER, HE MENTIONED
ISRAELIS ZARE CHARGING FOR MEDICAL SERVICES AT "GOOD
FENCE."
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